

In claim 11, line 1, please rewrite "any preceding claim" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 13, line 1, please rewrite "any one of claims 1 to 10" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 15, line 1, please rewrite "any preceding claim" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 18, line 1, please rewrite "any preceding claim" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 19, line 1, please rewrite "any preceding claim" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 23, line 1, please rewrite "any preceding claim" as - - claim 1 - -.

In claim 31, line 1, please rewrite "any one of claims 28 to 30" as - - claim 28 or claim 29 - -.

In claim 34, line 1, please rewrite "any one of claims 27 to 33" as - - claim 27 - -.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to refer back to the applications from which it claims priority and amends the claims to avoid improper multiple dependencies. Please enter the present amendment prior to calculation of any filing fees.

Upon entry of the present amendment, there will be a total of 42 claims, of which nine claims (claims 1, 24, 27, 36-39, 41, and 42) are independent. It is believed that there are a total of 52 claims once multiple dependencies are taken into account. As a consequence, the extra claims fees for this application are believed to total \$522 (6 excess independent claims at \$39 ea. plus 32 excess total claims at \$9 ea.), small entity status having been established. This amount is included in the check for the filing fee for this application. If any additional claims fees are necessitated by this amendment, though, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 061910.

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